

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

VENERA DUMITRU,

Defendant.

Case No. 4:24-CR-396-SEP-JSD

ORDER CONCERNING PRETRIAL MOTIONS

All pretrial matters in the above-referenced case have been referred to the undersigned pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). Defendant pled not guilty to the Indictment on August 13, 2024. At the arraignment, defense counsel moved for additional time to review discovery and to determine whether and/or what pretrial motions ought to be filed on behalf of Defendant. For the reasons stated on the record at the arraignment, the undersigned finds that denying Defendant's motion for additional time would deny counsel for Defendant the reasonable time necessary for effective investigation and preparation of pretrial motions, taking into account the exercise of due diligence; the undersigned further finds that the ends of justice served by granting Defendant's request outweigh the best interest of the public and the Defendant in a speedy trial. Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (B)(iv), the time granted to Defendant to investigate and prepare motions, or a waiver thereof, is excluded from computation of the time for a speedy trial.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **forthwith** the government shall give notice to the Defendant of its intention to use specific evidence at trial pursuant to Rule 12(b)(4), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no later than August 20, 2024, each party may propound to the opposing party, and may file with the court, any request for pretrial disclosure of evidence or information. Not later than September 6, 2024, the parties shall respond to any such requests for pretrial disclosure of evidence or information and may file with the court a copy of any such response. To avoid proliferation of documents, to the extent practicable, all such requests for disclosure and the responses thereto shall be contained in one request document or in one response document, with each separate item of information or evidence discussed being a subpart of said document.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that not later than August 27, 2024, the parties must meet for a discovery conference pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 16.1(a). All motions requesting Court action pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 16.1(b) must be pursued in a diligent and timely manner. The undersigned will not consider motions requesting Court-action pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 16.1(b) filed after the pretrial motion deadline.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no later than September 27, 2024, the parties shall file any relevant pretrial motion(s) and the parties shall respond no later than October 11, 2024. If any party requests an extension of time in which to file pretrial motions, the request must be made in the form of a written motion, and should indicate the party's intention to file pretrial motions and, to the extent possible, those motions which are intended to be filed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the defendant determines that it is not necessary to file pretrial motions, the defendant must file with the court by September 27, 2024, a Notice stating that there are no issues the defendant wishes to raise by way of pretrial motion; that counsel has personally discussed this matter with the defendant; and that the defendant agrees and concurs in the decision not to raise any issues by way of pretrial motions. **If such a Notice is filed, the**

defendant's case will no longer be referred to the undersigned and will proceed before the trial judge for disposition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any pretrial motion seeking a court order for the production of evidence or information from the opposing party, and each motion to suppress evidence, shall contain a statement of counsel that movant's counsel has personally conferred with counsel for the opposing party about the issue(s) raised in the motion(s), that there is a good faith belief that the information or evidence exists about which discovery is sought or which the defendant seeks to have suppressed, and (for motions for disclosure) that the disclosure of said information or evidence has been refused by the opposing party.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any motion to suppress shall set forth, with particularity, the item(s) of evidence to which the motion is addressed, and shall set forth specific factual details to support any claim that such evidence was unlawfully obtained. **Any motion to suppress not containing such specific information or any motion cast in conclusory or conjectural terms will not be heard or considered by the court.** Each motion to suppress must be accompanied by a memorandum of law setting forth the specific legal ground upon which it is contended that any such item of evidence was unlawfully obtained, with citations to authority.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all deadlines set forth in this order include weekend days and holidays. However, if a due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date for compliance shall be the next work day.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no extension of time of any deadline set in this order will be granted except upon written motion, made before the expiration of the deadline, and upon good cause shown.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an evidentiary hearing on the pretrial motions will be set at a later date. Unless otherwise ordered, each defendant is required to be present at the evidentiary hearing on said defendant's motion(s). If said defendant is not present at the hearing, the hearing may go forward in the defendant's absence. **If the defendant fails to file pretrial motions or a notice of intent not to file pretrial motions, the Court will set the matter for a hearing.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties are required to retain all exhibits received into evidence during any hearing in this matter before the undersigned until the time for filing a Notice of Appeal has expired.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that the date for the jury trial of this action shall be set upon the conclusion of the pretrial motion proceedings.



JOSEPH DUEKER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated this 13th day of August, 2024.